

REMARKS

The election/restriction requirement dated June 28, 2007 holds that this application has three patentably distinct inventions. More specifically, Applicants are required to elect one of the following patentably distinct groups for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I - Claims 1-6 and 11-20;

Group II - Claims 7-10; and

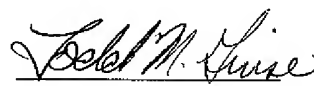
Group III- Claims 21-23.

In response, Applicants hereby elect the Group I without traverse. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-6 and 11-20 since they read on the elected group. Claims 7-10 and 21-23 are believed to be directed to non-elected embodiments. Thus, these claims can be withdrawn from consideration in this case.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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